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THE WAR.

REPORTED FRENCH SUCCESSES

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THE ARMY OF THE NORTH RETIRING.

SUCCESSFUL SORTIE FROM PARIS.

Gen. Ducrot Crosses the Marne with 100.000 Men.

Convention on the Russian Question,

Its Immediate Assembling Urged.

ENGLAND.

Reported French Successes.

LONDON, December 1, Noon.—The French claim to have won a victory at Buen la Rondonna, a little village in the department of Loire-et-Victoire. The French say they were young conscripts who were under fire for the first time. They were gallant and steady. The Frenchforces have maintained within the past few days the following places lately held by the English control, The Duke of Sutherland and St. Calais, in the department of Sothe Montlore and Mondimefaisel, in the department of Loiret-Cher and Montargis, in the department of the Loire.

Balloon Probably Lost.

LONDON, December 1.—A balloon, probably from Paris, was seen late last evening over the English channel, and seemed to be trying to make a landing on one of the Sicily islands. A violent east wind prevailed, and it was probably carried out to sea. It was undoubtedly lost in the Atlantic.

The Proposed Capitulation of Paris.

A Times Versailles dispatch says: The acceptance of the Prussian condition of peace by the Paris branch of the French government will be required before the capitulation of the city will be received.

About one-third of the town of Thionville was destroyed by fire during the bombardment by the Prussians.

The army of the Loire are retreating, and its present position and numbers are unknown.

A Success for the French

Advices have been received of a battle between the French, under Bryand, and the Prussians at Etrephany, in which the Prussians were beaten with severe loss. The French captured three officers, and a number of cannon and horses, as well as a quantity of small arms.

The *Times* has a special from Versailles announcing that negotiations for a conference are progressing.

Paladines Reported a Prisoner.

It is reported that Paladines was not only wounded but was taken prisoner yesterday.

Battle Before Paris.

A *Herald* correspondent says the cannonading against the Germans on the south and west of Paris last night was a feint to distract attention from a serious sortie on the Saxons and Wurtemburgers. A terrible battle had been going on since noon, and was still raging at six o'clock.

The army of the Loire is retreating from its position. The number and position of the forces are uncertain. Seventeen hundred prisoners have been taken.

The Prussians Suddenly Evacuate Amiens—A Great Battle Proceeding Around Paris.

LONDON, December 1.—It is said the Prussians have suddenly evacuated Amiens, retiring on Paris. This movement is regarded at Lille as very significant. In the latter city it is believed a great battle is proceeding around Paris to-day. The Paris *Moniteur* chronicles six military executions in the last number.

Opening of the Rhine-Marne Canal—All Well with the Army of the Loire.

LONDON, December 1.—The *World* correspondent at Berlin says the Rhine-Marne Canal has been re-opened for a short length, and the event is an important one for manufacturers, who previously were unable to get their coal by railroad, the excessive use of which was required to bring up supplies for the army.

The Minister of Commerce has addressed a circular to the directors of both State and private railways ordering that the service on some lines shall be restricted to a minimum rate, so as to furnish as many railroad offices and as much rolling stock as possible for service on lines in French territory.

A correspondent at Tours telegraphs on the 30th, at night, that all was well with the Army of the Loire, and that the Prussian dispatches concerning the fighting on the 28th, telegraphed to that city from London, are wholly fallacious. Gen. De Aurelle holds well in hand, for the immediate vicinity of Orleans, the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Army Corps, numbering one hundred and thirty thousand. The right rear is formed of the Eighteenth and Twentieth Corps, and is sixty-seven thousand strong. The left rear is composed of the Twenty-fifth Corps. The whole of these forces were well concentrated during the recent fighting around Orleans, and the enemy greater loss than they themselves suffered.

The government has ordered the immediate construction of seven intrenched camps as follows: At St. Omer, Therbourg, La Rochelle, and Pas des Lanciers, for 250,000 men; at Cancile, Nevers, Bordeaux, Clermont, Feruand, Toulouse, Montpelier, and Lyon's, for 60,000 men each. In these intrenched camps all the new levies, including the Garde Mobile and Franc-tireurs, will be gathered immediately.

The Prussian Losses at Amiens.

LONDON, December 1.—The Prussian loss in killed in the battle before Amiens was 74 officers and 1,300 privates. The French Army of the North is in a state of disorganization. The citadel of Amiens capitulated because, in short, resistance, in which the commander was killed and 400 prisoners taken.

FRANCE.

New French Loan—Engagement Between Franco-Tireurs and Germans.

TOURS, December 1.—A credit of $5,000,000 francs has been opened to settle actual contracts for armament, and a credit of 15,000,000 for interior purchases. In addition a credit for 1,200,000 francs has been opened for the purchase of grain in Algeria. The exportation of cereals from Algeria has been prohibited.

Gen. Bourbski has taken command of the Nineteenth French army corps.

The following dispatch has been received here from Nuits, in the Department of Cote D'Or, dated yesterday: "An engagement occured at Gouilly to day between a body of franco-tireurs from the Department of Eastern Pyrenees and a Prussian column. The latter was well supplied with artillery. In the afternoon the fight was extended to the village of Nuits, where the franco-tireurs were supported by Guards Mobile from the Vosges, which came up from Beaune. The French were successful. The Prussian loss was severe, their dead strewing the road for miles. Fifteen prisoners were taken by the French."

The following dispatch from Vendome, in the Department of the Loire-et-Cher, dated yesterday, has just been given to the public here: The Prussians have not occupied this city as well as Blois, Chateau Dun and Chateau Neuf sur Loire. To-day they made two assaults and were repulsed. The fight lasted nine hours. The French captured one officer and 365 men. The French loss was small. The morale of the army is excellent.

The Department of Cher in a State of Siege.

TOURS, December 1.—The Department of Cher is declared in a state of siege.

A band of Franco-tireurs, ambuscaded in the forest of Montargis, surprised a Prussian detachment and killed and captured eleven.

Successful Sortie from Paris.

TOURS, December 1.—It is announced that General Ducrot, with a hundred thousand men, made a great sortie from Paris yesterday and crossed the river Marne. The movement was completely successful. The details of the action are momentarily expected.

Lively Fighting at Various Points Around Paris.

VERSAILLES, November 30.—A lively fire was maintained all last night from the forts around Paris, and this morning the garrison made sorties at various points on the Seine and Marne. The Prussian positions were attacked at eleven in the morning, and a sanguinary battle took place, in which Wurtemburg troops were chiefly engaged, supported by a portion of the Twelfth, Second and Seventh corps, fighting continued with nightfall. The enemy were repulsed everywhere.

PRUSSIA

Defeat of the Army of the Loire.

VERSAILLES, November 30.—After the recent battle, the army of the Loire retreated in a disorderly manner northward north, leaving four guns in their abandoned intrenchments. The retreat still continues. The greater part of the French army was completely routed. The prisoners increase hourly. The German loss is less than at first reported, and will not reach 1,000.

BELGIUM.

Army of the North Retiring.

BRUSSELS, November 30.—The French army of the North has abandoned the project of joining the army of the Loire, and is retiring on Lille, without even holding Arras.

Orderly Retreat.

BRUSSELS, December 1.—The *Independence Belge* to-day, referring to the orderly retreat of the French army of the North towards Arras, says it will doubtless occupy the great quadrilateral formed by the fortresses of the North, and which are impregnable.

Convention on the Russian Question.

LONDON, December 1.—The prominent members of the Ministry are urging the immediate calling of a convention to consider the Russian question, and that it shall also arrange and adopt a peace policy for Prussia and France.

The French Man-of-War Talisman.

HAVANA, December 2.—The French man-of-war Talisman has returned to this port short of coal. It is supposed she will leave again shortly in order to intercept the German steamer from New Orleans.

Singular Rumor.

LONDON, December 1.—The *Herald* correspondent at Versailles sends the following singular rumor: Turkey is not disposed to resent the note of Russia. Bismarck is favorable to England's obtaining a protectorate over the Suez Canal, in consideration of which England's own road to India thus being rendered secure, Russia may do what she pleases with Turkey. This is another blow aimed at France.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

The Committee of the Spanish Cortes at Genoa—The Italian Parliamentary Election—Cable Communication Between Falmouth, England, and Gibraltar and Malta Broken—The Suez Canal to Fall Into English Hands—The Passengers of the "Union" Safely Landed Off the Coast of Scotland, &c., &c.

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CRIMINAL NEGLECT.

Railway Collision Caused by the Carelessness of an Employee—One Person Killed—Cars Badly Wrecked.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., December 1, 1870.

The Cincinnati express train on the Parkersburg Division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Both engines, with the cars of each train, were very badly smashed, mounting one on the other. Brakeman John Hambright had both legs crushed below the knees, and was injured internally. He died a few hours after the accident. The passengers and other train men escaped with but slight injuries. Both trains were late, and the cause is supposed to be through the neglect of the train dispatcher in failing to hold the express at Central Station.

Losers by the Failure of Nixon & Co., in Canton.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

CANTON, O., December 1, 1870.

The business interests of our city have suffered somewhat from the disastrous failure of Nixon & Co., and Teeters & Son, at Alliance, in this county. Of course our banks and business men are in intimate relations with Alliance, and especially with so heavy and responsible a firm as Nixon & Co., and in consequence there have been losses. At this writing I learn that Mr. U. R. Feather is out $15,-000; the Exchange Bank, $5,000; the First National Bank is also rumored to have suffered, how greatly is not stated; the Harter Brothers, bankers, were involved, but managed to save themselves just in the nick of time. Any further particulars will be promptly furnished. R. C. T.

In the game of billiards to-night at Brooklyn between Cyrille Dion and Garnier, the French-Canadian champion, Garnier won by eighty.

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK, A. M.

WASHINGTON.

Annual Estimates of Departments.

What it Costs to Govern the Country—Withholding Pay of Railroads for Transportation to Secure Interest on Bonds—Chief Justice Chase Slowly but Surely Recovering, &c., &c.

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POLITICAL.

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NEW YORK, December 1.—The Republican majority in the State of Louisiana is 24,643.

HARRISBURG, December 1.—The House of Representatives met to-day and transacted considerable business. There was no session of the Senate. The delegation from Madison county, consisting of a Republican Senator and three Democratic Representatives, have telegraphed their constituents that a meeting, irrespective of party, to denounce the action of Smith and Buchan.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 1.—Judge Drummond, of the United States District Court, has appointed Hon. George H. Chapman, of this city, receiver of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad.

Railway Employee Killed.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WARREN, O., December 1, 1870.

A brakeman on the Atlantic and Great Western Railway, by the name of Mack, was run over and killed instantly at Leavisburg last night. He was setting the brake on a caboose, when his foot slipped, and he fell under the car.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Official Statement for November.

Decrease During the Month Nearly $7,500,000—Decrease Since March 1, 1870, $104,019,982.

WASHINGTON, December 1.—Following is a recapitulation of the debt statement:

Debt bearing interest in coin	$ 1,943,752,100 00
Interest	40,654,451 00
Debt bearing interest in lawful money	59,728,000 00
Interest	366,261 00
Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity	3,341,087 00
Interest	438,503 00
Debt bearing no interest	411,851,857 00
Total amount outstanding	$2,418,673,044 00
Total interest	41,457,218 00
Total debt, principal and interest, to date, including interest due and unpaid	2,460,130,263 00
Amount in the Treasury	125,821,358 00
Debt, less amount in Treasury	2,341,784,355 00
Decrease of debt during the past month	7,475,880 00
Decrease of the debt since March 1st, 1870	104,019,982 00
Bonds issued to Pacific Railroad Company's interest, payable in lawful money, amount outstanding	64,618,832 00
Interest accrued and not yet paid	1,615,470 80
Interest paid by the United States	8,815,345 00
Interest repaid by transportation of mails	2,417,493 00
Balance of interest paid by United States	6,397,851 00

A BROKEN RAIL.

Accident on the Connellsville Railroad—Eight Persons Seriously Injured—Names of the Sufferers.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., December 1, 1870.

The express train on the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad, due in Pittsburgh at 10:10 A. M., met with an accident by the breaking of a rail, six miles east of this place, near Jacob's Creek Station, at 7:25 this morning. Three coaches and the baggage car were precipitated down an embankment about twelve feet, and eight persons badly, though not fatally, injured. Mr. Turner, conductor of the train, was rather severely injured. The names of the others are Mr. Rhodes, an old and elder gentleman, and Mr. Goldsmith, merchant tailor, of Connellsville; Mr. and Mrs. Lingo, of Uniontown, who were married this morning and were on their bridal tour, and Rev. Smith, of the Episcopal Church of Uniontown, and two others, names unknown. As soon as the accident occurred, an engine was dispatched to West Newton and the services of Dr. B. H. Lemmon, a surgeon of that place, procured. He went to the scene of the disaster, and did all in his power to relieve the sufferings of the injured. Dr. Lemmon arrived at Connellsville on the train bringing the wounded, and "explain story notes" would be in order.

The following is the story about the "swallow-tailed coat" is interesting. He has been to Rome to see that grievous Sunday which

"Of temples old, or alters new,
Standeth alone,"

And brings home with him an argument against "infallibility" the fact that the out of date garment is worn by the Pope at all functions but part of St. Peters. "And this," he says, "is done by the Church of the Infallible Popes." It is to be hoped that this argument will not reach the tiara" should have the right to chose his own pants, the privilege of changing the colors, the privilege of "cussing" and the last right of a beggar to dare to prescribe to the throne. The ladies who were to participate in the sanguine ceremonies of Easter Day, or Whitsunday, were to wear white at all appointed, should occupy prominent places. It is positively awful that Pio Nono would not break from the time honored custom and give an order in favor of this "well dressed gentleman" who has been "more than a brother to the orphan and the fatherless," and all because he had no "swallow tail coat." As to the fifth charge Mr. S. says: "Facts are stubborn things, and you cannot torture them successfully to confirm the statement that the Bishop Dupanloup was guilty of declaring the Pope infallible only defined a doctrine of the Roman or rather should do say Catholic Church," and winds up with a fling about the "corruptions of Romanism." It is well known to the gentleman named Indirectly "Augsburg Confession" which is the official exposition of the Lutheran faith, and which says that the "Catholic Church contained all the doctrines necessary to salvation, and that abuses was unjustifiable." It is also a pity that he does not know that the rule is never to argue the *abuses* of a thing against its use but he says "facts cannot be tortured," to prove the Bishop's position, and that all the efforts of Roman historians to destroy the proofs from history against the claim have failed." This is tolerably strong as an assertion. It is stated with deliberation and emphasis by a responsible party. The full meaning of that assertion would be to Catholics what Horace Greeley would be to Democratic "Cabinet Meeting." As I have already written more than I intended, I will not discuss the question: Is "J. H. W. S." willing to stake his reputation as a gentleman, a scholar and a Christian, upon the proof of his assertion? I pause for a reply.

HISTORICUS.

Pittsburgh, December 1, 1870.

STATE NEWS.

On Saturday morning last, in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, Pa., a son of Colonel Hamilton Moorhead attacked his father with a hatchet, inflicting a severe wound on his head, necessitating trepanning. The son was arrested, and lodged in Greensburg jail. The father, who is over seventy years of age, was at last accounts in a very critical condition. The son has been deranged for some weeks, labouring under the delusion that his father desired to poison him.

The order prohibiting corner loading is being rigidly enforced in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, it is said, will have a professional base ball club again next season.

A new Presbyterian church is to be built at Doylestown, and $16,000 has been subscribed.

The latter Day Saints have a church at Kensington, Philadelphia, where Mormon gospel is dispensed every Friday evening.

The *Press* says Philadelphia must have a fire-proof building for the European plan.

The new Court House in Indiana is to be dedicated on the 20th inst.

The long standing difficulty between the Philadelphia Bar and Judge Ludlow in the general government has been settled, and additional mail cars have been placed on the road.

The Hamburg rolling mill has been sold to James J. Moyer for $47,000.

Rev. John Brown, who for the past ten years has been a missionary in India, is visiting his old parishioners in Philipsburg.

Dr. S. M. Andrews, pastor of the Doylestown Presbyterian church, lately entered upon the fortieth year of his ministry, and on Thanksgiving day celebrated his eight hundredth marriage ceremony.

Major Samuel Morrison, a veteran of the war of 1812, died in Newburgh, Cumberland, Washington county, on Tuesday, in his seventy-ninth year.

A destructive fire occurred at Johnstown yesterday, by which the extensive planing mill and sash factory of Messrs. Longacre & Gobel was entirely consumed. The loss of $30,000 falls heavily, which is partially covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Two youths in Franklin planned the robbery of a merchant tailoring establishment, and then ordered a full outfit of clothing to be made, timing the burglary at the date the clothes were to be finished. They succeeded in getting the garments, but were afterwards arrested, and are now in jail. They are brothers, named Hall.

The Chesapeake nail works at Harrisburg give employment to 150 men; have twelve furnaces; fifty-six nail machines; consume weekly 160 tons of iron and 1,000 kegs of nails; turn out 2,000 kegs of nails. The pay-roll foots up $12,000 per month.

On Wednesday of last week, Miss Annie Harris, employed in a millinery shop in Monongahela City, was badly if not fatally burned by the falling of a coal oil lamp.

Colonel Jonathan Holt died at his residence in Conneautville on Monday, aged sixty-nine. He had been a resident of the place for thirty-seven years.

Mr. John Wickers, of Lewisburg, York county, lost three children by diphtheria within the last ten days.

The Valentine Iron Works, of Centre county, gives employment to from 120 to 150 men. The firm have 200,000 bushels of charcoal in their sheds, most of it the present time, or sufficient to make 1,800 tons of pig iron.

The report that the death of Mr. Frank Wilson, of Bellefonte, which occurred recently at the residence of his father-in-law, in Lewisburg, was caused by the refusal of a young lady of five barrels. A well is undergoing the testing process within the limits of our town, and the prospects are very flattering for a good well.

The Republicans of Lancaster county element month will amount to eight hundred and seventy-five cars, averaging eighty-two barrels to the car. The production is still on the increase, and as the Tarr and Fagundus are somewhat limited, considerable oil is being stored at Tidioute and Oil City.

Thanksgiving was generally observed in this vicinity. Stern men of business laid aside the ledgers and day-books of life for a brief rest and demerits of Turkey were discussed with social interest.

The Tidioutes celebrated this occasion by a grand ball, gotten up under the auspices of the "Young Men's Social Club," where invited guests congregated this day to Terpsichore, thanksgiving by "tripping the light fantastic" until the "wee sma' hours ayant the twa."

Perhaps the most item with reference to Fagundas (or Battle City) would interest a few among the many readers of your widely circulated paper. This is about the greatest specimen of a town now existing in the oildorado, and at this season of the year the general rush does not apt to create a very pleasing sensation in the mind of the newcomer. Fagundas, after being huddled together in such delightful confusion that it is difficult to distinguish them as a distinct locality at all, has begun to progress finid meander along through every byway, and has now a population of over seven hundred representatives of the swine species. The principal streets are one conglomerated mass of liquid mud, ranging from 6 to 18 in depth.

By the way, a few days since an unlucky fellow, who had imbibed rather freely, fell from the elevated seat on his wagon into the street, and but for the timely assistance of a passing band, his existence in this division of God's footstool would have forever ceased to possess. Of which fact, these unpleasant features, Fagundas has its redeeming characteristics. There are some tasty residences here, and the hotels and places of business wear an air of prosperity seldom equaled outside of the oil regions. They have lately dedicated their new church. It is of the Methodistic order. The architecture is of the Gothic style, and its external appearance is very attractive. This is an acquisition to Trunkeyvillians cannot boast of as yet. But the saying, "there is a time for all things," will soon recently arrived, three hundred points, doubtless be verified in this respect in due time here.

ST. CLAIR.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 1, 1870.

NATIONAL BANK SUIT.

The case of the Ninth National Bank *vs.* the National Bank of America, came up in the Supreme Court this week, and has been previously reported, in which the Ninth National Bank paid an altered draft which had been drawn in favor of Fagundus & Co., for $2,000. The plaintiffs recovered judgment against the defendants for $2,000.

MORTUARY REPORT.

The deaths which occurred in this city for the week ending November 26th, amounted to 550, four less than occurred in the previous week.

HON. B. F. WHITEMORE

Is elected to the Senate in South Carolina, and is made Chairman of the committee on engrossed bills.

FREE TRADE.

General Brinkerhoff, of Ohio, has received and accepted an invitation from some of the leading citizens of Portland, Maine, to address them upon the subject of free trade and revenue reform.

NO RACE.

The match between English and American race horses for $25,000, two mile heats, which was arranged at the reunion of the leading sporting men of the country at a recent meeting, has fallen through. The backer of Parole, the English horse, in the same interest has had to pay $500 forfeit.

PHILADELPHIA BASE BALL PLAYING.

In the Base Ball Convention this afternoon, the system of professional base ball playing was carried discussed and finally approved by a vote of 15 to 1.

THE BAR.

Several prominent members of the Bar are now considering the movement looking toward the commemoration of the semi centennial anniversary of Chief Justice Nelson's connection with the Bench.

STEAMER ARRIVED.

The steamship China, from Liverpool, has arrived; also, the French steamer Pierre, from Havre, via Brest.

SEAMAN'S EXCHANGE BUILDING.

Secretary of the Navy Robinson made a speech here to-day, on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Seaman's Exchange Building

DARTMOUTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER.

The Alumni Association of Dartmouth College partook of its seventh annual dinner this evening at Delmonico's, in Fifth avenue, presided. Among those present were Senators Wyrill, Hon. Jeremiah Black, Hon. E. Kingsban Attorney General, and Asa Dodge Smith, President of Dartmouth.

SENATOR SUMNER

Lectured this evening at Steinway Hall on the Duel between France and Prussia, to a crowded audience.

Another Life Sacrificed to Whisky.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

LIMA, O., December 1, 1870.

A man named James Phillips, of Elida, this county, came here yesterday for a load of goods, on a two-horse wagon. While here he got intoxicated, and driving home late last night, drove off the bridge, upsetting the wagon and goods on himself. He was instantly killed. He was not found till late in the forenoon to-day.

THE OIL REGIONS.

Letter from Trunkeyville—The Oil Business Somewhat Depressed—Shipments —Sales—Well-to-do Farmers—Battle City and its Rust—New Church, &c., &c.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

TRUNKEYVILLE, P

The Daily Commercial.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bargains 'Bargains—Morganstern & Co.
Snow Flake Yarns—T. C. Jenkins & Bro.
Situation Wanted—Box 271, Postoffice.
Model Makers Wanted—Glass Manufacturer.
160 Coal Miners Wanted—Taylor & Fellows.
Sewing Machine Wanted to Rent—76 Fifth ave.
Situation Wanted—Prescription, this office.
Warehouse for Rent—Geo. B. Bissell.
House for Rent—J. K. Barbour.
Boarding—103 Fourth avenue.
Lecture—Prof. O. S. Fowler.
Wanted to Exchange—Lot 139, Butler, Pa.
Clothing—Uhling, Follansbee & Co.
Gorden Wedding Rye Whisky—J. S. Finch & Co.
Diseases of the Lungs—Dr. Keyser.
Christmas Goods—Morganstern & Co.
Notice to the Afflicted—Dr. W. A. McCandliss.
Cream Ale—Peter, Dannals & Co.
Winter Bonnets, Hats, &c.—Miss L. W. Taylor.
Cracker Meal—Marvin's.
Notice—Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Co.
Mortgages Wanted—Thos. K. Petty.
Removal—Tiffany & Co., New York.
Waltham Watches—J. R. Reed & Co.
Waltham Watches—Ball, Black & Co.
Waltham Watches—J. R. McFadden & Co.
Bridal Sets, Watches, &c.—Bailey & Co.
Waltham Watches—Robert Clemson's Sons & Co.
Notice—Pittsburgh and Connellsville R. R. Co.
Notice—The State Bank of Pittsburgh.
Lectures—Dr. O'Leary.
Mercantile Library Hall—Theodore Thomas' Concerts.
Opera House—Prize.
City Hall—Fair and Festival.
Academy of Music—Drummer Boy of Shiloh—December 5.
Trimble's Varieties Theater.
Academy of Music—Ravel-Martinetti Troupe.
Exiled Crackers—Marvin's.
Fine Watches and Jewelry—R. M. Orr.
Setting and Hose for Sale—Hartley, McKee & Co.

CITY MATTERS.

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

Observations Made by the Storm Signal Service of the United States Army.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 1, 1870.	7:23 A. M.	4:23 P. M.	11:23 P. M.
Height of barometer, inches	30.45	30.10	29.96
Change since last report	—.05	—.33	—.07
Thermometer	26°	50°	47°
Change in 24 hours	General possible	7°	14°
Direction of Wind	S.	S.	S.
Velocity of wind—miles per hour	7	2	2
Pressure of wind—pounds per square foot	.28	.02	.02
Character of the weather, according to Beaufort scale, approximately	B	A	A
Rainfall since last report in inches	3	W	3
State of weather			

NOTES.—In the telegraphic reports, only the variations of the barometer since the last report are given; decrease being marked here, and throughout the Union, by a minus sign.

Character of the winds to save space, is indicated by letters of the alphabet, thus: A, just perceptible; B, gently brisk; C, pleasant brisk; D, very brisk; D, high wind; F, very high wind; G, storm or gale; H, severe storm; I, hurricane; J, most violent hurricane.

State of the weather, also, is indicated by numerals as follows: 1, clear; 2, fair; 3, light rain; 4, heavy rain; 5, snow.

JAMES WEST, Observer Sergeant.

List of Unmailable Letters.

The following is a list of letters held at the Pittsburgh Postoffice for want of pre-payment of postage, and on account of misdirection. The writers can get them by applying at the Postoffice:

Cents.
Applegate A., Sharon, Pa.....3
Ake Simon, Williamsburg, Pa.....3
Berkstresser Mrs. Hester, Irwin's Station, Pa.3
Cutlet Richard, Monongahela City.....3
McCullough D. G., Johnstown, Pa.....3
Smith W. Henry, Hamilton, Ohio.....3
Trunick & Co. H. C., Philadelphia, Pa.....3
Wilson Miss Mollie, Oil City, Pa.....3
December 1, 1870.

CHILDREN'S CAPS at Palmer's, 81 Wood street.

MCCAFFERY CONCERT.—Remember Mr. George Simpson, the greatest English tenor in this country sings at Mercantile Library Hall to night. Do not fail to hear him.

POCKET BIBLES.—One of the finest assortments of pocket Bibles to be found in the city is that of Messrs. J. Weldin & Co., No. 106 Wood street. No more suitable present for the holidays.

Y. M. C. A.—A meeting will be held this evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at seven and a half o'clock, to organize a bible class and a social singing class. All interested are invited to attend.

BEAVER COLLARS at Palmer's, 81 Wood street.

DISCHARGED.—The four lads charged before Mayor Brush with the larceny of $225 from Whiting's auction house, had a hearing yesterday evening and were discharged. The money has all been recovered.

ALDERMANIC.—It is stated that a candidate for Alderman in the Seventh ward keeps a house where persons of disreputable character sometimes congregate and also indulges in illegal liquor selling.

A CHANCE FOR COAL MINERS.—Taylor & Fallows, mining engineers, of No. 79 Federal street, Allegheny, advertise in another column for one hundred coal miners, to whom fair compensation is offered. See their card in another column.

ELDER'S CONVENTION.—An Elders convention has been in session for two days, at Livermore on the West Penn, Railroad, and has been a marked success. Hundreds have been in attendance, and a number of ladies present to hear Dr. Howard, of Pittsburgh.

CHILDREN'S HATS at Palmer's, 81 Wood street.

ARUSED HIS WIFE.—Thomas McCoy, lodged complaint against Thomas McKinee, for assault and battery, alleging that the accused wantonly abused his own wife by striking and knocking her down. The parties reside in Millikens row, Twelveth ward. A warrant has been issued.

FOILED.—A thief attempted to effect an entrance, yesterday morning, about two o'clock, in Reif's trunk factory, in the basement of Uhling & Follansbee's establishment, on Wood street and Fifth avenue, but was frightened away by the police before effecting his object.

DROWNED IN THE OHIO.—Yesterday afternoon a man whose name we did not learn was drowned in the Ohio River, near the head of Bruno's Island. He was floating several pieces of timber down the river, and was washed off by the waves made by a towboat. The body was not recovered.

MISSES' FURS at Palmer's, 84 Wood street.

SAFE ARRIVAL.—Three little children who come to this city a few days ago from England, having made the journey themselves, arrived safely yesterday at Canton Ohio, where their parents reside, and were much surprised that the children had succeeded in making the journey.

SUIT ABOUT A FENCE BOARD.—Oliver Adams made two informations, before Alderman McMasters, yesterday, charging John Singer with larceny and receiving, respectively, alleging that defendant tore a fence board off his fence one day last month, and carried it to East Birmingham, and then appropriated it for his own benefit. Warrant issued.

THE NEW SINGER.—The new medium machine of the Singer Company, designed to fill the place between the large manufacturing and the family machines, bids fair to meet with a large and rapid sale. It is one of the best money making machines for all kinds of work, except the very heaviest manufacturing, can be done by it. Call on the agents, Messrs. Straw & Morton, No. 29 Sixth street.

FURS! FURS!!—Ladies' furs at Palmer's, 84 Wood street.

HORSE KILLED.—Last evening a horse attached to a wagon, which had been left standing on Penn avenue, opposite the Niagara engine house, took fright and ran off. The animal steered in the direction of the engine house entrance, and the heavy doors in the front were broken down by the excited horse's way. The horse fell under the horse carriage, and died almost instantly, having it is supposed broken its neck. The wagon was the animal as we learn, A man named Phillips was the owner.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—We learn that Hon. R. T. Banks, Mayor of Baltimore, with his Secretary, Colonel Robinson, arrived in the city last evening. During their stay they will be the guests of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company, at the Monongahela House. The intimate relations which Pittsburgh and Baltimore may look forward in view of the early completion of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad, make their visit at this time a matter of general interest, and we hope one of which the citizens will embrace opportunity of meeting the gentlemen while here.

MISSES' FURS at Palmer's, 84 Wood street.

RENDER TO CÆSAR, &C.—We yesterday morning reproduced from the St. Louis *Journal of Commerce* what we characterized as a "handsome compliment to a Pittsburgh manufacturing establishment," the works in question being the "Superior Rail Mills. The remarks were improper and well deserved, but we find that, with the exception of five lines interpolated into the body of the allusion, the whole mention was copied *verbatim et literatim* from an article on railway supplies in the November number of the *Trade Review* of this Pittsburgh monthly, devoted to the manufacturing interests of our city and the west. "Render to Cæsar, &c.

WANTON ASSAULT.—Edward L. Hughes made information at the Mayor's office last evening, charging Henry Smithson and Wm. C. Adams with an assault and battery. He alleged that the seemed called at his office on Fourth avenue, and Adams asked Hughes if it was true true that he (Hughes) had said he was a thief. Hughes was about to answer, when Adams struck and knocked him down. Smithson, it is alleged, backed Adams in the affray. He refused to allow Mr. Hughes' clerk to go out and call the police. Adams was arrested and held to bail for a hearing on Saturday, and Smithson had not been arrested when our reporter left the office.

MISSES' FURS at Palmer', 84 Wood street.

The Philadelphia Robbery.

Mr. A. L. Reiff, the Philadelphia tobacconist, who, as we reported yesterday, had been robbed by four boys, once under his son, arrived in the city yesterday morning. The scene which followed when the father and son met was most affecting, and tears were shed freely. All the boys eager to return home, and promised to do better in the future. The party then started for Philadelphia yesterday afternoon. The denouement of the robbery as related to Mr. Reiff by his son were as follows: It seems that nearly about five was stolen. The money was locked up in a drawer in the sleeping room of Mr. and Mrs. Reiff. The drawer was forced open with a cold chisel and the money taken out. The parents went into the country in the morning to see about the purchase of a home, taking with them $200 and leaving $600 in the drawer. In the evening when they came home their little 12 to fold them that her brother and some more boys had run away. At about nine in the evening the mother of one the other boys came to make inquiries, and the the robbery was discovered.

AARON BURR.

His Life and Character—Lecture by Rev. W. H. Milburn Last Evening.

There was a large and intelligent audience present at Library Hall last evening to listen to the lecture of Rev. W. H. Milburn upon Aaron Burr. Previous to the lecture the audience was entertained with some excellent music, furnished by Toerge's Band, Mr. George Toerge, leader.

Mr. Howard announced that the next lecture of the course would be delivered by Mr. R. J. Cordova, of New York, on the 19th inst., upon the subject of Mrs. Grundy, and then introduced Mr. Milburn.

The lecturer commenced by giving a brief sketch of the life of Aaron Burr, who was born in 1756, had at one time been Vice President of the United States, and died in 1836. He was decended from parents of good character, and of more than ordinary intelligence, but unfortunately did not rightly use the splendid intellect Mr. Inherited. He was early left an orphan to toil through the world as best he might. When only four years of age he had a quarrel with his teacher, and ran off to the woods, giving an exhibition of his self-will and bold temper. He several years later ran away from home with the intention of going to sea, and was overtaken by his guardians, climbed to the mast of a ship, and by means of threats of throwing himself down, dictated the terms upon which he would return. He commenced his college course at Princeton when twenty years of age, and was a remarkably brilliant scholar, standing second in his class in his conduct. He early came to the conclusion that human character was not changed nothing to do with human destiny, and he himself religion, having made up his mind to do so, with a resolution that nothing could shake. He entered the army in the Revolution and was placed in charge of an insubordinate corps during the memorable winter at Valley Forge. By his strict discipline he quelled all attempts at mutiny in his command, and by his conduct during the campaign won the highest admiration. After the war he applied himself to the study of law, and in 1782 was admitted to practice law in Auburn. Afterward he was made Attorney General by Governor of a British officer, and with her passed a happy life of eleven years. After the cessation of New York by the English, Burr moved to that city and commenced the practice of law. He was not a philosophic orator, but a powerful and effective lawyer, but he was a singularly successful one. He was master of all the arts by which to intimidate or flatter a jury, and won for himself a high reputation. He was keen and resourceful in the examination of witnesses, and was always careful to bring out every fact that would affect the prediliction or prejudices of the jury. Burr, when he came before the jury in the argument of a case in chief, was not a philosophic orator, but a specific or eloquent lawyer, but he was a singularly successful one. He was master of all the arts by which to intimidate or flatter a jury, and won for himself a high reputation. He was keen and resourceful in the examination of witnesses, and was always careful to bring out every fact that would affect the predilections